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Public Health and Medical Resources on **LLIS.gov**

A TOOL FOR ENHANCING NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS

Lessons Learned Information Sharing (LLIS.gov) is a U.S. Department of Homeland Security /Federal Emergency Management Agency program. *LLIS.gov* serves as the national, online network of lessons learned, best practices, and innovative ideas for the emergency management and homeland security communities. This information and collaboration resource helps first responders, emergency managers, and homeland security officials prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate terrorist attacks, natural disasters, and other emergencies. *LLIS.gov* provides Federal, State, and local officials from all disciplines with a wealth of information and front-line expertise on effective planning, training, and operational practices.

LLIS.gov at a Glance

- Online since April 19, 2004
- Over 19,000 documents, including state and local plans, after-action reports, and exclusive lessons learned
- Secure community Channels, forums, messaging, and other collaboration and networking tools
- Targeted information on homeland security and emergency management topics

Public Health and Medical

The Pandemic All-Hazards Preparedness Act of 2006, which is now Public Law 109-417, states on page 26 that the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) should work to disseminate medical and public health lessons learned to: "1.) ensure maximum coordination of public health and medical preparedness and response activities with the All-Hazards Medical Response System, and other relevant activities; 2.) minimize duplicative funding of programs and activities; 3.) analyze activities, including exercises and drills, conducted under this section to develop recommendations and guidance on best practices for such activities; and 4.) disseminate such recommendations and guidance, including through expanding existing lessons learned information systems to create a single Internet-based point of access for sharing and distributing medical and public health best practices and lessons learned from drills, exercises, disasters, and other emergencies."

In addition, the Act states that "States and localities are required to participate in regular drills and exercises and report back to HHS on the strengths and weaknesses identified in such exercises and corrective measures taken to address such material weaknesses. HHS should evaluate and disseminate best practices and lessons learned through such activities. These best practices and lessons learned should undergo peer review and be disseminated and shared widely. This best practice effort should be closely coordinated and jointly disseminated with the Department of Homeland Security's Lessons Learned Information Sharing System."

FEMA has partnered with the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, to provide this resource for LLIS.gov.

LLIS.gov needs your help. Active feedback and input from our members helps us meet the ever-changing needs of the emergency management and homeland security communities. Please take time to share information. Submit after-action reports, Best Practices, Lessons Learned, and other information of potential value to others like you across the nation.

Submit Lessons Learned and Innovative Practices **Submit Plans, After-Action Reports, and Other Documents** **Email Comments, Experiences, and Observations**

WHAT'S NEW IN PUBLIC HEALTH AND MEDICAL

- NEW Incident Site Safety and Security, Hazardous Access Control and Urban Thermal Protection Equipment Drills at Air Force Exchange
- NEW State of Michigan SDS / Central Health District Sub / Sub-Plan SDS Mass Epidemiology Exercise, June 14-15, 2011
- NEW Emergency Public Information, Coordinating a Single Dissemination During Extended Response Operations
- NEW Biotech Security: Identifying, Tackling After-Action Report
- NEW LLIS.gov Public Health and Medical Resources Info Sheet

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE (GAO) REPORTS

- Public Health Preparedness: Developments and Acquiring Medical Countermeasures Against Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Agents

Public Health Forum

Has your jurisdiction launched a new initiative to prepare for a public health event? Have you reviewed and updated your plans? Discuss these and other public health issues in the Public Health Forum.

Public Health Channel

Channels are a great resource for collaboration with a set group of members all within one portal. Join the Pandemic Influenza Channel to take advantage of special Channel features, such as secure messaging, event lists, and a separate document repository just for this group. To join this public Channel, click "My Channels" in the left navigation bar.

CONTENT AND FEATURES ON **LLIS.gov's PUBLIC HEALTH AND MEDICAL PAGE**

The *LLIS.gov* [Public Health and Medical](#) page is a one-stop resource for information related to Public Health and Medical preparedness and planning. This topic-specific page, built in coordination with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, offers a searchable directory of public health-related documents. Additional features on the page include:

- Federal public health guidance;
- Government Accountability Office reports;
- Links to related Channels and forums; and
- LLIS.gov exclusive Lessons Learned.

LLIS.gov FEATURES

One-Stop Document Resource

LLIS.gov's comprehensive library contains documents that cover all hazards, all disciplines, and all levels of government and the whole community.

- Full plans, templates, after-action reports, articles, guidelines, best practices, and other documents
- Short summaries, exclusive to *LLIS.gov*, highlighting best practices or innovative ideas submitted by members that could work in other jurisdictions
- Subscription-only email update listing new documents within discipline and topic areas

Collaboration Tools

LLIS.gov provides collaboration and networking tools to enable members to speak directly to others involved in emergency management. These *LLIS.gov* tools include:

- Member Directory;
- Topic- and community-specific Channels;
- Message Boards with member forums;
- Secure Messaging; and
- Document and idea submissions.

For more information on *LLIS.gov* or to register, please visit www.llis.gov.

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